(3) Duty drawback at the rate of 3 per cent of f.o.b. value has been allowed.

(4) Exports of carpets will be eligible for CCS at the rate of 8 to 18 per cent in place of 7 to 17 per cent depending upon the f.o.b. value per sq.m. of carpets.

Bank Loans to the Weaker Sections

1944. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce some new schemes to provide bank loans to the weaker sections in the rural and urban areas and also to small farmers during the Seventh Five Year Plan period to tackle poverty;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what amount of funds have been earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Government propose to introduce a new scheme for providing self-employment to the urban poor in metropolitan/urban and semi-urban areas. There is no proposal to start a new scheme for the weaker sections of the rural areas in the country as there are a number of poverty alleviation programmes already in operation in such areas.

(b) and (c) The full operational details of the new scheme for urban poor are being worked out and the scheme would be launched shortly.

Stenography in ITIs

1945. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindi and English Stenography is being taught in the ITIs throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the name of the ITIs which are imparting training in English and Hindi Stenography, separately in various States/Union Territories;

(c) what are the names of the institutions/Vocational institutions imparting training in these subjects, which are affiliated to the DGE&T Ministry of Labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir, training in these two trades is being imparted under the Craftsmen Training Scheme in the ITIs in most of the States/U.Ts in the country.

(b) The day-to-day administration of I.T.Is, establishment of new I.T.Is/trades and implementation of Craftsmen Training Scheme in them rests with the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration, An upto date list of all such ITIs in which training is being imparted in English/Hindi Stenography is, therefore, available with them.

(c) The names of ITIs (Government and private) where training is imparted in these trades and which are affiliated/for which affiliation has been sought to NCVT are furnished in the list. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 107.]

Penalty cases pending under the Income-Tax Act

1946. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of penalty cases pending under different sections (e.g. 273-A) of the Income Tax Act as on 31st July, 1986;

(b) what is the number of cases in which Commissioners of Income Tax have exempted penalty on assessment involving a sum of (i) Rs. 10 lakhs

and above (ii) Rs. 20 lakhs and above and (iii) Rs. 50 lakhs and above during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the number of persons in whose case the penalty has been waived; and

(d) what are the reasons for waiving the penalty amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Notices served on Commissioners of Income Tax under Rule 56(j)

1947. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the number of Income Tax Commissioners who have been served with notices under Rule 56(j) of the service rules during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): 7 Commissioners of Income Tax were served with notices under Rule 56(j) of the Fundamental Rules, during the last one year.

Income-tax Cases pending in Courts

1948. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Income Tax cases pending in various Courts as on 31st March, 1986;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) On the basis of information available in the Ministry of Finance, the number of cases relating to direct taxes pending on 31-3-86 is as under;

Supreme Court	.	3435
High Courts	.	38147

(b) The Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justices of various High Courts have been requested to constitute Tax Benches on a continuing basis and to hear on priority basis issues which recur in number of cases. Cases have been bunchd issue-wise for this purpose.

Money collected under the Amnesty Scheme

1949. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money collected by Government under the amnesty scheme declared in the matter of income tax during the last year;

(b) what is the number of assessees who availed of this facility; and

(c) what benefit will accrue to Government by extending the scheme upto September, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): [illegible] Statistics are not being

(b) by when decision is likely to be taken on these applications?

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Tax holiday enjoyed by Free Trade Zone units

1954. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: